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Docket Clerk
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Room P1-401
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Re: Docket Number FRA-2004-18746-5

Dear Sir:

The Brotherhood Railway Carmen Division of the Transportation Communications International Union (BRC) joins in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen's request for a ninety (90) day extension of time for filing comments in the above-captioned matter. The notice was published on August 10, 2004, and comments are currently due on or about September 24, 2004. BRC is the representative for the carmen currently performing the involved inspections, and it is its members who will be most directly affected by the proposed waiver. It is respectfully submitted that this extension is justified by the importance of this matter as well as the need to fully examine the lengthy exhibits submitted by the UP in support thereof.

Very truly yours,

Mitchell M. Kraus
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